

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

ITEM	22	Decision
TOPIC	Wildlife Habitat Promotion With Local Entities Program Grant Review	

Natural Resource Commission approval is requested for the wildlife habitat grant recommendations. The Wildlife Habitat Promotion with Local Entities Program Grant Review Committee met on July 11, 2008, to review a total of 21 county conservation board projects requesting \$3,089,388.82 in Habitat Funds. A total of \$579,000.00 was available for this grant review.

In 1979, the Iowa General Assembly passed legislation requiring hunters and trappers to purchase a wildlife habitat stamp. All revenue derived from the sale habitat stamps are used within the state of Iowa for acquisition of land, leasing of land, or obtaining easements from willing sellers for use as wildlife habitats and for the development and enhancement of wildlife lands and habitat areas. At least 50 percent of the stamp revenues are apportioned to local entities (county conservation boards) on a semiannual basis each year. Funding will not be allowed for more than 75 percent of the approved appraised value. The Wildlife Habitat Stamp Fund Program is administered by the DNR in compliance with 571 Iowa Administrative Code chapter 23.

The committee recommends fully funding the top three (3) ranked projects and the remaining funds of \$132,748.00, along with any undistributed funds from previous grant cycles, to the next ranked projects. Undistributed funds may be available from cost savings on other projects and/or previous funds declined by county conservation boards. If the next ranked project declines the remaining funding, the Department requests authority to offer those funds to the next highest scored project until all funds are spent.

Rank by Score	County	Project	Acres	Grant Request	Grant Awarded	Total Project Cost
1	Butler	North Butler Wilderness Area	150.7	61,602.00	\$61,602.00	93,602.00
2	Lee	Mississippi River Emergent Wetlands	897	184,650.00	\$184,650.00	246,201.00
3	Sioux	Fairview Wildlife Complex Ranschau	109	200,000.00	\$200,000.00	332,450.00
4	Harrison	Old Town Conservation Area Romeo Tract	171	320,625.00	\$132,748.00	427,500.00
5	Warren	Diehl Wetland Acquisition	542	609,750.00	\$0.00	813,000.00
6	Hancock	Goodell Timber	79	112,500.00	\$0.00	150,000.00

		Expansion				
7	Chickasaw	Kennedy Acquisition	71	56,250.00	\$0.00	75,000.00
8	Humboldt	Pioneer Prairie Pothole Wetland Complex	40	127,125.00	\$0.00	181,500.00
9	Kossuth	Scuffham Acquisition	127.9	127,752.00	\$0.00	193,400.00
10	Page	Ross Bros Pheasants Forever Wildlife Area	55.42	63,000.00	\$0.00	84,000.00
11	Clinton	Ringneck Marsh	160	159,000.00	\$0.00	212,000.00
12	Linn	Buffalo Creek Wildlife Management Unit	37	87,975.00	\$0.00	117,300.00
13	Franklin	Southwest Hunting Access - Smith Property	68	40,293.00	\$0.00	121,000.00
14	Greene	Horseshoe Bend Addition	42.09	63,135.00	\$0.00	84,180.00
15	Dallas	Raccoon River Greenbelt Plan - Wagner Parcel	75.6	71,493.00	\$0.00	95,324.00
16	Des Moines	Flint River Greenway Project - Baker Option	234.9	396,375.00	\$0.00	708,900.00
17	Lyon	Boersma Wildlife Area	62	61,612.00	\$0.00	168,400.00
18	Osceola	Bremer Marsh	27	23,775.00	\$0.00	31,700.00

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